THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Chairman, Rajya Sabha referred the subject of electoral reforms to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice for examination and report and the entire matter is now before the Committee. The recommendations of the Committee are awaited before the Government could take any action.

Image of democratic institutions

†2053. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are concerned with improving the bad impression of the democratic institutions in the wake of cases filed or under consideration in the courts against the elected representatives of the people; and

(b) if so, whether Government plan to set up special courts on the lines of Fast Track Courts for speedy and timely disposal of such types of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Institution and disposal of cases against any person including elected representatives are part of judicial process which is the exclusive domain of the Judiciary. The Government does not interfere in the process.

(b) No, Sir.

Establishment of new High Courts

2054. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of State Government have requested the Central Government to set up separate High Courts for them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases pending in the High Courts which are meant for two or more than two States; and

(d) the action/steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) Haryana, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura have requested the Central Government to set up separate High Courts in their States.

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